(b) if so, whether Government have instituted a probe into the circumstances how a $ 6,50,000 shipment for Gujarat riot victims sent by NRIs of Canada was allowed to rot at Kandla port from 25th May, 2002 for over a month;

(c) if so, the outcome of the probe indicating the nature and extent of damage caused to the shipment and the circumstances under which it was allowed to rot; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The publication of the said article in The Asian Age on 24th June, 2002 was brought to the notice of the Central Board of Excise and Customs by the Custom House, Kandla on 25.6.2002 intimating that the importer had not filed any Bill of Entry (Document of Clearance) for the subject consignment till the date of publication of the article. The Kandla Customs have further intimated that the position has once again been verified and it has been ascertained that till date *i.e.* as on 29.7.2002 no Bill of Entry has been filed for clearance of the said consign-ment and therefore the question of any delay in clearance of the consignment through Kandla Port or a probe into the said delay does not arise.

Migration of Gujarat riot victims to different places

1539. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 500 families of Gujarat belonging to minority community torn by the riots that followed the Godhra carnage have moved to different places in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh for settlement.

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of other minority families have decided to leave as they believe that tension and distrust are still simmering which may explode again at any time; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.